

CHAPTER CMLXXVII.

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING FERRIES ON THE RIVERS MONONGAHELA
AND YOUGHIOGHENY.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas, great numbers of the inhabitants of Westmoreland and Washington counties have, by their petitions, humbly represented to the legislature of this state the great necessity there is of having ferries established on the rivers of Monongahela and Youghioghenny, and also praying that William Crawford be allowed the privilege of erecting a ferry over the said river of Youghioghenny, at Stuart's crossings, and John Devoir, executor of the estate of Jacobus Devoir, late of Westmoreland county, on behalf of the orphan children to whom the said estate belongs, and Joseph Parkinson, be also allowed the privilege of having a ferry erected over the said river of Monongahela, at the distance of about thirty perches below the mouth of Pigeon creek:

(Section II, P. L.) For the greater ease, conveniency and security of the [said] inhabitants and others passing and repassing the rivers aforesaid:

[Section I.] Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and by the authority of the same, That the said William Crawford may at any time hereafter and at his own proper cost and charge, make, or cause to be made, a convenient landing on both sides of the said river Youghioghenny, and shall keep and maintain the same in good order and repair, fit for men, horses and carriages to pass and repass, and also shall provide and maintain a good, substantial boat or boats and capable ferrymen who shall duly and constantly attend as occasion may require.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said John Devoir, for and on behalf of the said orphan children, and the said Joseph Parkinson, may each respectively make, or cause to be made, a convenient landing on that respective side of the said river

of Monongahela on which he claims and shall keep and maintain the same in like good order and repair as aforesaid, and shall provide and maintain a good boat or boats and capable ferrymen, who shall duly and constantly attend, as occasion may require.

[Section III.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said rivers, so far up as they or either of them have been or can be made navigable for rafts, boats and canoes, and within the bounds and limits of this state, shall be and are hereby declared to be public highways.

Passed April 13, 1782. Recorded L. B. No. 1, p. 522, etc.

CHAPTER CMLXXVIII.

AN ACT TO ALTER AND REPEAL A PART OF THE ACT, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR EMITTING THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS IN BILLS OF CREDIT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE ARMY, AND FOR ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED."¹

(Section I, P. L.. Whereas it is provided and declared in the fourteenth section of the act for emitting the sum of five hundred thousand pounds, passed the seventh of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, that no money be taken or received in the payment of taxes, after the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, except gold or silver, or bills of credit by law equivalent thereto: And whereas, by the act for the repeal of so much of the laws as make bills of credit a legal tender, passed the twenty-first of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, no paper bills of credit (except in particular cases) are now equivalent to gold or silver: And whereas it is found that the said restrictions have prevented the payment of a sufficient sum of the old continental currency into the treasury, for the purpose of exchanging and sinking our quota of the same:

¹ Passed April 7, 1781, Chapter 939.